
HOUSE BILL No. 1332

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-37-3-8; IC 36-2-14-20.

Synopsis: Autopsy fees. Requires that payment for an autopsy ordered by a local health official, county coroner, or prosecuting attorney must be paid by the county or state in which the deceased was a resident.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2001 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-37-3-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.271-2001,
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c),
4 payment for the cost of an autopsy requested by a party other than the
5 local health official of the county in which the individual died must be
6 made by the party requesting the autopsy.

7 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), payment for the cost of an
8 autopsy required by the local health officer shall be:

9 (1) made from funds appropriated to the local health department
10 **if the autopsy is performed on an individual who was a**
11 **resident of the county in which the local health department is**
12 **located;**

13 (2) paid by the county of residence if the individual on whom
14 an autopsy is performed was a resident of Indiana but not a
15 resident of the county where the autopsy is performed; or

16 (3) paid by the state of residence if the individual on whom an
17 autopsy is performed was not a resident of Indiana.



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The local health official shall bill the appropriate political unit for an autopsy described in this subsection.

(c) Except as provided in IC 4-24-4-1, if:

(1) an individual who is a resident of Indiana dies in an Indiana county:

(A) in which at least one (1) air ambulance provider is located; and

(B) of which the individual is not a resident; and

(2) an autopsy is performed on the individual:

(A) in the county in which the individual died; and

(B) under the authority of the county coroner in the discharge of the coroner's duties;

the county coroner shall bill the county in which the incident occurred that caused the death of the individual on whom the autopsy was performed for the cost of the autopsy.

SECTION 2. IC 36-2-14-20, AS ADDED BY P.L.271-2001, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 20. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) and IC 4-24-4-1, if:

(1) an individual who is a resident of Indiana dies in an Indiana county:

(A) in which at least one (1) air ambulance provider is located; and

(B) of which the individual is not a resident; and

(2) an autopsy is performed on the individual:

(A) in the county in which the individual died; and

(B) under the authority of the county coroner in the discharge of the coroner's duties;

the county coroner shall bill the county in which the incident occurred that caused the death of the individual on whom the autopsy was performed for the cost of the autopsy, including the physician fee under section 6(d) of this chapter.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) and IC 4-24-4-1, payment for the costs of an autopsy requested by a party other than the:

(1) ~~county prosecutor~~; **prosecuting attorney**; or

(2) county coroner;

of the county in which the individual died must be made by the party requesting the autopsy.

(c) The payment for the cost of an autopsy required by the prosecuting attorney or the county coroner shall be:

(1) made from county funds if the autopsy is performed on an individual who was a resident of the county;



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1 (2) paid by the county of residence if the individual on whom
2 an autopsy is performed was a resident of Indiana but not a
3 resident of the county where the autopsy is performed; or
4 (3) paid by the state of residence if the individual on whom an
5 autopsy is performed was not a resident of Indiana.
6 The county coroner shall bill the appropriate political unit for an
7 autopsy described in this subsection.

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